GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINES AND MINERALS
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DECREASE IN MINING OF COAL
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Will the Minister of MINES AND MINERALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the mining of coal has been decreasing in the collieries;

(b) if so, the extent to which it has decreased and the reasons therefor;

(c) the quantum to which it would reduce and affect the supply of coal to railways and power projects; and

(d) the extent to which it is likely to affect the functioning of railways as well as reduce power generation?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINES & MINERALS

(SMT. RITA VERMA)

(a)&(b): There has been positive growth in coal production in last five years except for the year 1998-99. In 1998-99 coal companies regulated their production of coal due to sluggish demand and low offtake by the consumers. The production in 1998-99 was 292.27 million tonnes against a target of 306.50 million tonnes.

(c)&(d): Coal requirements of all consumers including power and railways would be met and the performance of Railways and Power Sectors is not expected to be affected by regulation of production, if any.